(b) if so, whether the Government propose to procure them and preserve them in National Museum;

(c) if so, the amount likely to be required for the purpose;

(d) the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI) : (a) to (e). It came to the notice of the Government that Shri V.Kalyanam, a stenographer of Mahatma Gandhi during the period 1944-48, was trying to put to auction certain autograph papers/letters of Mahatma Gandhi, through Phillips International Auctioneers & Vendors, London. Contact was accordingly made with Shri Kalyanam, Indian High Commission in London and Navajivan Trust, Ahmedabad to devise and undertake steps to prevent the auction.

A suit was filed by the Navajivan Trust in the High Court of Judicature at Madras seeking injunction against the auction of Mahatma Gandhi papers. The High Court issued interim injunction restraining the respondents/ defendants or any one claiming or acting under them from in any manner dealing with or parting with the possession of Gandhiji's papers pending the disposal of the suit. The court like-wise gave an interim injunction against infringement of the Copyrights of Navajivan Trust.

Taking note of the claim of Navajivan Trust on the papers, the Auctioneers decided to call of the auction which was due to be held on 14th November, 1996. The papers have since been handed over by the Auctioneers to the Indian High Commissioner in London for being returned to the Navajivan Trust, Ahmedabad.

Integrated Water Management

3350. SHRIMATI KAMAL RANI :
DR. RAM LAKHAN SINGH :

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether a scheme of Integrated Water Management in the ravines of Chambal and Yanumna river and in Jalaun and Hamirpur districts with the Collaboration of Indo-German Bionatural is under the consideration of the Union Government;

(b) if so, the time by which Union Government propose to sanction this scheme;

(c) whether ravines of Ghatampur Parliamentary Constituency and Yamuna river have also been included in this scheme;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor and the time by which these ravines are likely to be included under this scheme?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e). Do to arise.

[English]

Involvement of Security Forces in Smuggling

3351. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether security forces in Bihar have been found involved in smuggling;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the preventive steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of reply to part (a).

(c) Appropriate instructions exist in this regard and deterrent action is taken against service personnel if they are found indulging in such activities.

[Translation]

New Bridges in Maharashtra

3352. SHRI DATTA MEGHE : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the schemes regarding the construction of new bridges on the National Highways in Maharashtra, lying pending for clearance with the Union Government for the last three years; and

(b) the action being taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) There are no cases of bridge projects lying pending for the last three years for clearance.

(b) Does not arise.

Primary Health Centres in U.P.

3353. SHRI ILIYAS AZMI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Primary Health Centres in Uttar Pradesh, which do not have compounders and nurses;

(b) the total requirement of compounders and nurses in the State;